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2018+ (JL/JLU/JLR/JLUR) Jeep Wrangler Yeti XD Tie Rod and Draglink Installation Instructions

!IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE ALL NUTS AND BOLTS CHECKED FOR TIGHTNESS AFTER THE FIRST 100 MILES AND THEN EVERY 3,000 MILES. WHEEL ALIGNMENT, STEERING SYSTEM AND SUSPENSION SYSTEMS MUST BE INSPECTED AND ALL COMPONENTS GREASED BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL MECHANIC EVERY 3,000 MILES OR AFTER OFF-ROAD USE.

Tie Rod Part Numbers:

Standard Length – 78076001

Rubicon Length – 78088001

Drag Link Part Numbers:

Bottom Mount – 78075001

No Drill Top Mount – 78078001

Tool List:

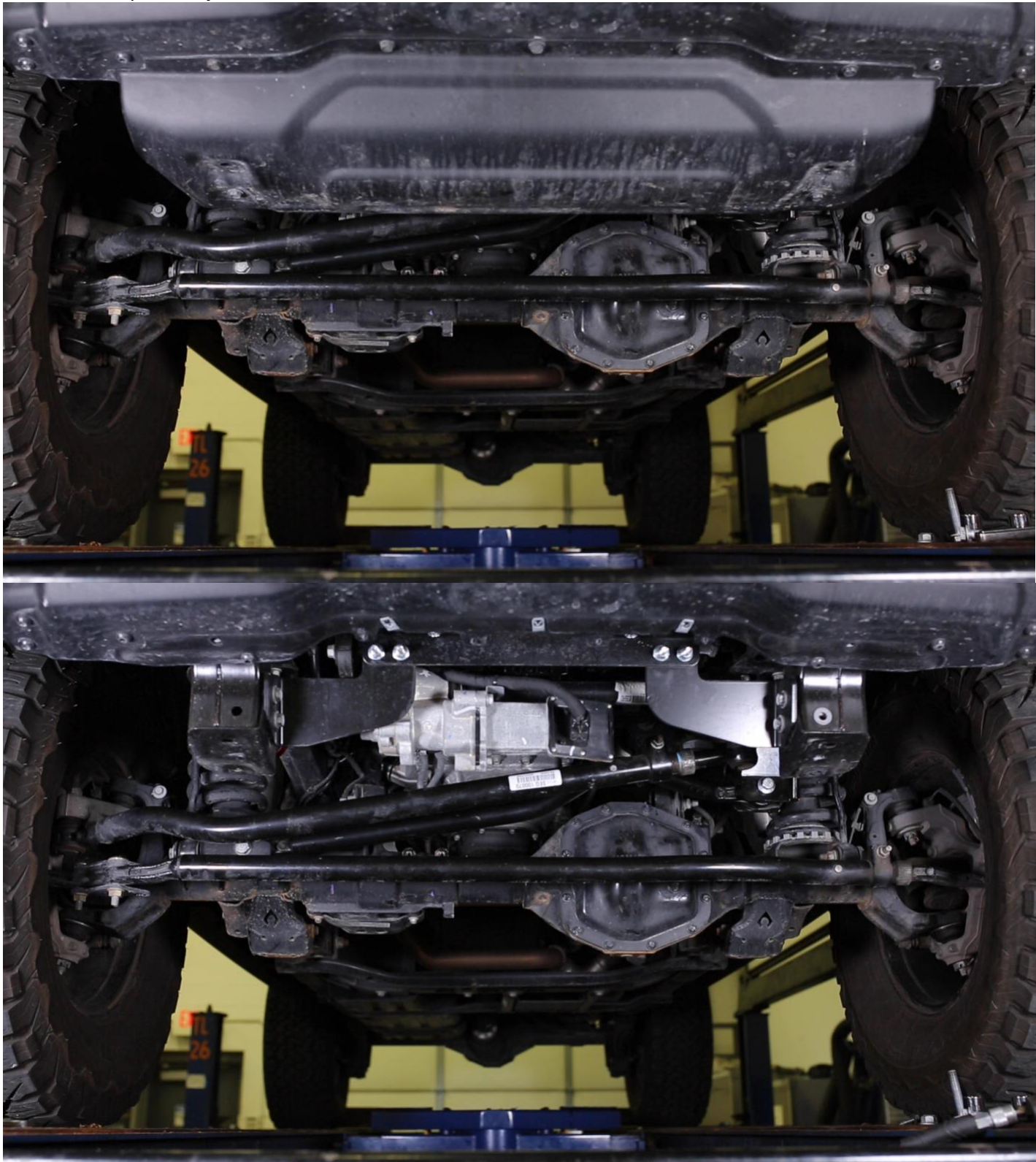
1. 13mm open end wrench / socket (*stabilizer mount*)
 2. 15mm open end wrench
 3. 18mm open end wrench / socket (*Steer Stabilizer*)
 4. 22mm socket (*wheel lugs*)
 5. 21mm open end wrench / socket (*Tie rod and Draglink nuts*)
 6. Pickle Fork / *optional & recommended: air-hammer w/ pickle fork (*Pitman Joint*)
 7. Big Hammer / Small hand Sledge
 8. Torque Wrench
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Installation Steps

1. Remove Stabilizer



2. Remove Skid plate **optional**



3. Jack up / lift the front end of the vehicle
4. Remove front wheels (*driver side removal optional; can be done with open end wrench*)

5. Loosen Tie Rod passenger side nut (*do not remove*)



6. Loosen Draglink passenger side nut (*do not remove*)
7. Loosen driver side Tie Rod nut



8. Remove Tie Rod



9. Loosen Pitman Arm Draglink nut (*do not remove*)

10. Use pickle fork and a big hammer to loosen/remove Pitman side knuckle



- a. *We recommended the use of an air hammer with pickle fork attachment for fastest and easiest removal. The joint will be taper locked into the pitman arm and will require a good deal of effort to remove.*

15. Install Draglink onto vehicle



- i. Note – clamps still only snugged - you will need to adjust this once everything is back together and the vehicle is on the ground (See Images for correct washer orientation)*

ii. Bottom Mount:

2018+ Jeep JL YETI XD Bottom Mount Drag Link

Red Taper Sleeve goes
in the bottom side of
the passenger steering
knuckle

Silver Washer goes
on top of the
Knuckle between
the knuckle end
and nylock nut



iii. No-Drill Top Mount:

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Red Washer goes on
top of the Knuckle
between the Draglink
end and Knuckle boss

Red Taper Sleeve goes into the bottom
side of the passenger steering knuckle

16. Torque Draglink nuts to spec on torque cards:



- a. Driver Side: 65-70 ft. lbs.
- b. Passenger Side: 120-130 ft. lbs. (make sure there is no gap between taper sleeve and knuckle)
- c. **NOTE: As of 9/01/2021, an update to the bottom mount drag link has been made where they are now being shipped with a coated stud that has the taper built into the stud rather than a taper sleeve. The torque spec on this version is 70 ft lbs. This version will look like this:**



It will also specify the torque spec on the sticker on the passenger side end

- d. **Recheck torque** after **100 miles** and then every **3,000 miles**
 - i. **USE 6MM ALLEN WRENCH INSIDE THE STUD TO ACHIEVE REQUIRED TORQUE IF STUD SPINS. USE OPEN WRENCH + 6MM TO TIGHTEN THE NUT INCREMENTALLY AND RECHECK WITH TORQUE WRENCH UNTIL TORQUE SPEC IS ACHIEVED.**

17. Install Stabilizer Relocation Mount:

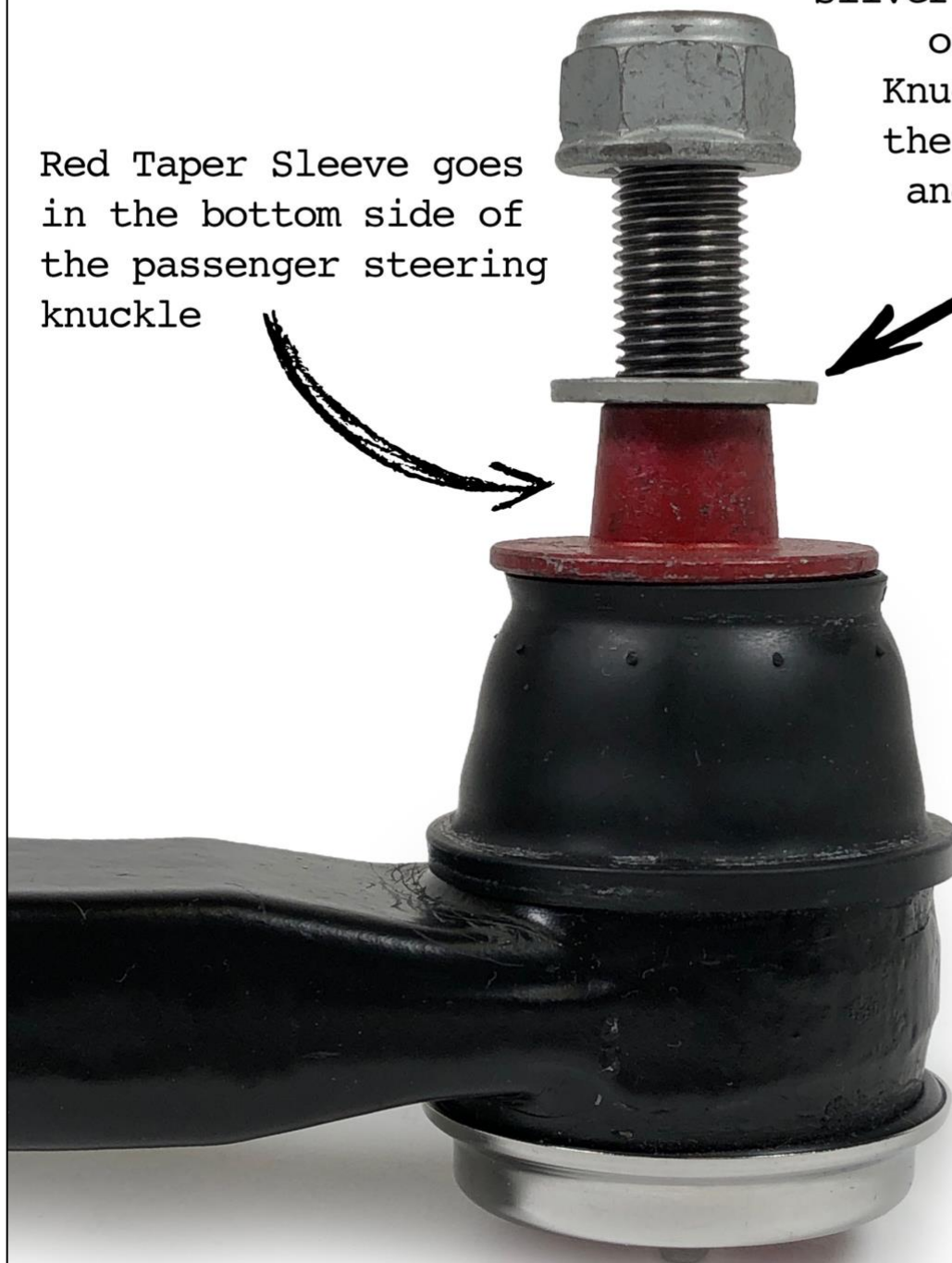
- a. When using **Yeti XD Tie Rod (Part#: 78076001 / 78088001)** use the stabilizer relocation bracket installation instructions (Part#: **79029001**) – see part for install instructions. You will need our (a) 1-5/8” damper bracket to mount stabilizer to the tie rod (part#: 41035001) – see part for install instructions.

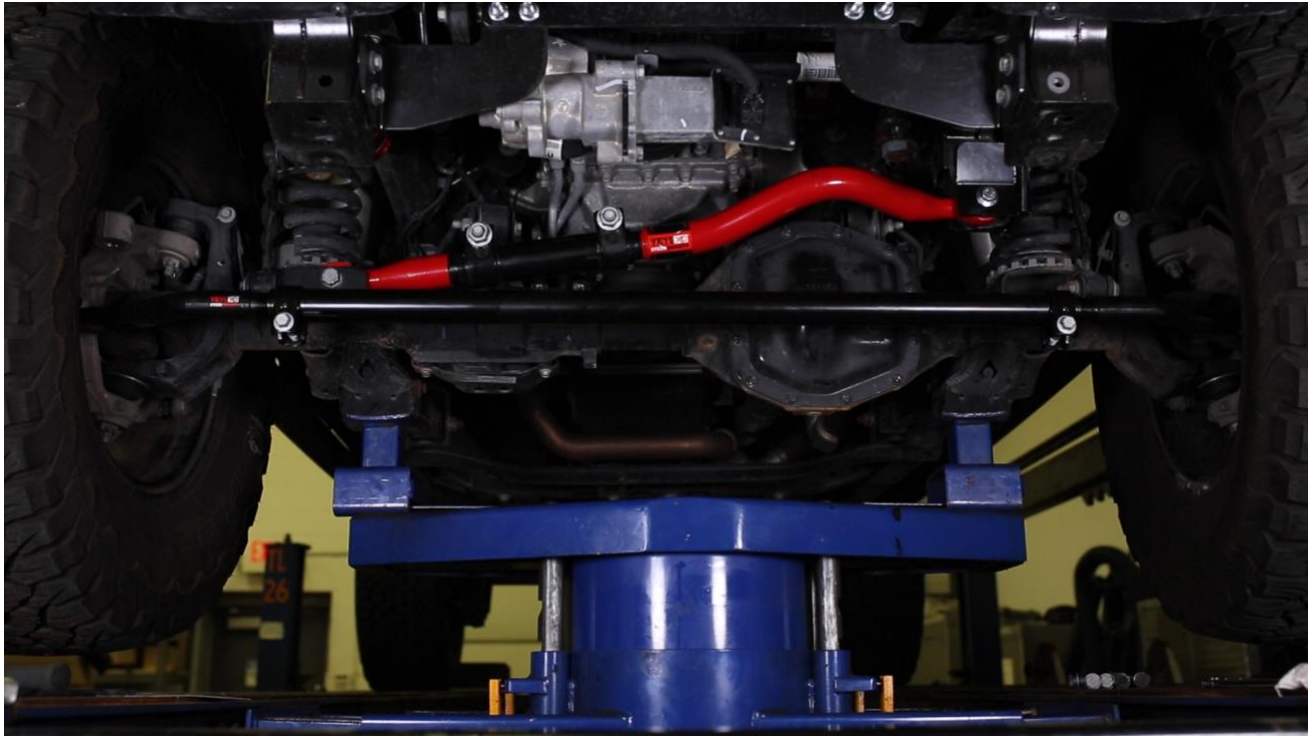
18. Install Tie Rod onto vehicle.

2018+ Jeep JL YETI XD Tie Rod End(s)

Red Taper Sleeve goes
in the bottom side of
the passenger steering
knuckle

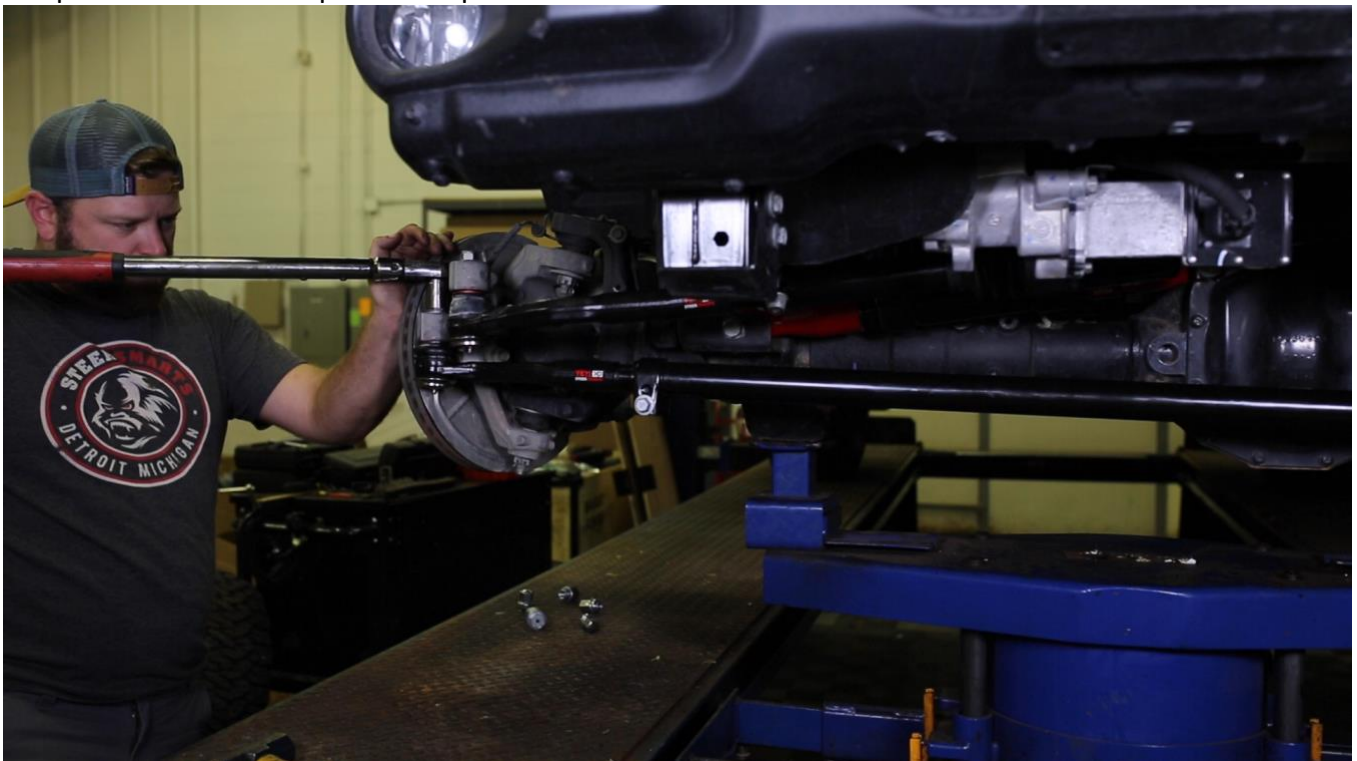
Silver Washer goes
on top of the
Knuckle between
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- i. *Note – an alignment is necessary once installation is complete*
- ii. **Tie Rod(s):**

19. Torque Tie Rod nuts to spec on torque cards:



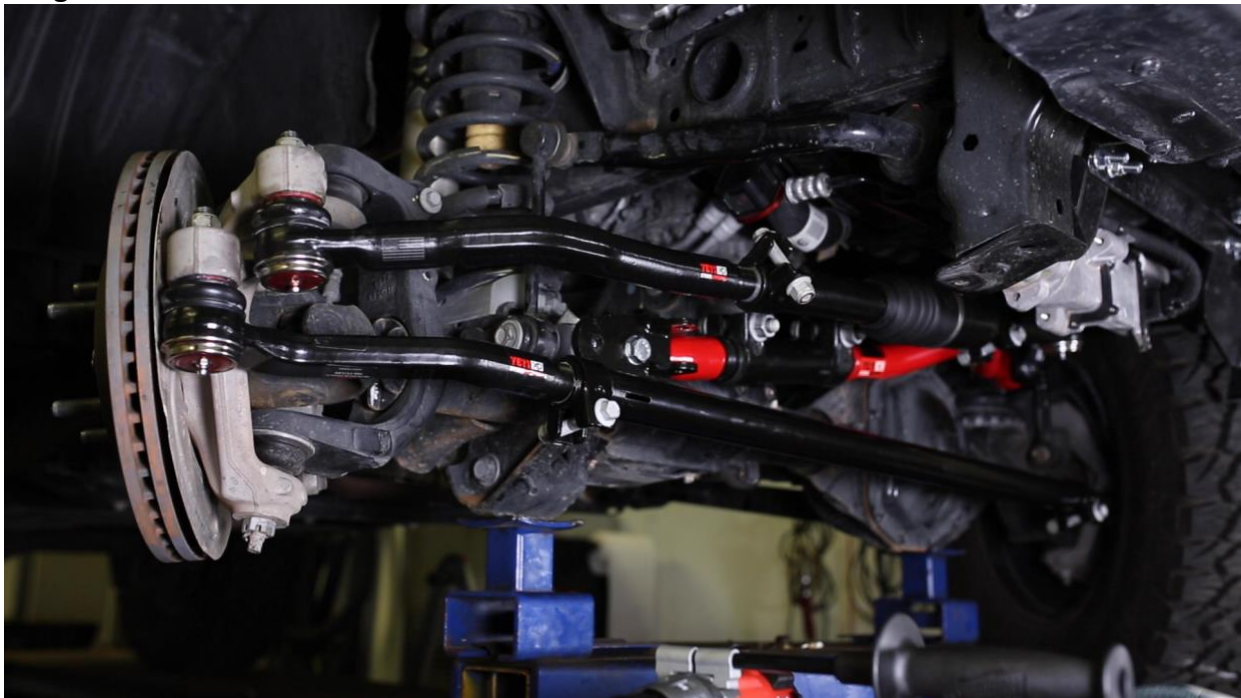
- a. Driver Side: **120-130 ft. lbs.** *(make sure there is no gap between taper sleeve and knuckle)*
- b. Passenger Side: **120-130 ft. lbs.** *(make sure there is no gap between taper sleeve and knuckle)*
- c. **Recheck torque after 100 miles and then every 3,000 miles**
 - i. *USE 6MM ALLEN WRENCH INSIDE THE STUD TO ACHIEVE REQUIRED TORQUE IF STUD SPINS. USE OPEN WRENCH + 6MM TO TIGHTEN THE NUT INCREMENTALLY AND RECHECK WITH TORQUE WRENCH UNTIL TORQUE SPEC IS ACHIEVED.*

20. Reinstall stabilizer.

21. Torque Tie Rod adjuster tube clamps. Make sure that the driver side Tie Rod is parallel with the knuckle boss when tightening clamps. Tighten the passenger side clamp first and then tighten the driver's side, again insuring sure the driver's side knuckle and tie rod end remain parallel. **See Image**



- a. *Torque to card spec*
b. Clamp: 40-45 ft. lbs. (*clamps should face forward or forward and up based on clearance*)
22. Center steering wheel by turning Draglink adjuster tube. It is helpful to have someone in the driver's seat to tell you when you're centered, but you will spin the tube until you center the steering wheel. Once centered, tighten down adjuster tube clamps. Make sure the Pitman Arm and Pitman side Draglink knuckle are parallel when tightening down the clamps. Tighten the passenger side clamp first and then tighten the driver's side, again insuring sure the DL knuckle and pitman remain parallel. **See image**



23.
a. *Torque to card spec*
b. Clamp: 40-45 ft. lbs. (*clamps should face forward or forward and up based on clearance*)
24. Take your Jeep to your local alignment shop and have everything professionally aligned and adjusted.